

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 remain in this application, where claims 18-19 have been added by the present amendment.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 2-17 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A'. Such amendments to claims 2-17 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,624,868 (Terukima). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-19 are patentable over Terukima for at least the following reasons.

Terukima is directed to a liquid crystal display structure that includes a glass substrate 1 and chips 3 mounted on the substrate 1 including flexible printed circuit connect pins. A

common wiring 11 for connecting the chips 3 to a flexible printed circuit 8 is formed on the substrate 1. As clearly shown in FIGs 1 and 3, the common wiring 11 is located beneath the chips 3.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 13, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein at least one of the row driver circuitry and the column driver circuitry comprises a portion provided on the common substrate outside the display area and which connects to the at least one conductor line through spurs extending from the at least one conductor line, wherein the at least one conductor line extends **between** the portion and the display area.

A conductor line extending **between** a chip and display area is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Terukima. Rather, Terukima discloses common wiring 11 located **beneath** the chips 3.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 13 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-12 and 14-19 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from amended independent claims 1 and 13.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the

presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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